

# MARYLAND | 2017 Healthy Housing Fact Sheet

Unhealthy conditions found in hazardous housing can lead to lead poisoning, asthma, respiratory illness, cancer, and unintentional injuries, resulting in missed school days and poor school performance for children, as well as missed work days for parents. To protect the health of Maryland's families and prevent continued increases in associated healthcare costs and societal consequences, full federal funding is needed for critical programs and services:

	MD received funding since 2015?
<b>CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>CDC's National Asthma Control Program</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>CDC's Environmental Health Tracking Network</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HUD's Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HUD's HOME Investment Partnerships Program</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>EPA's Lead Categorical Grants</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>EPA's Drinking Water Revolving Fund</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HHS' Maternal and Child Health Block Grants</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HHS' Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program</b>	<b>YES</b>

Full funding to federal programs such as these will help to address many of the risks and burdens facing the residents and families of Maryland, including:



In Maryland, **34% of children live in households with a high housing cost burden**, and 13% of children live in poverty.



In 2015, **2,442 Maryland children tested had an elevated blood lead level** (5 µg/dL or more); **359 of them had blood lead levels of 10 µg/dL or more.**



**55% of Maryland housing was built before 1978** and is likely to contain lead-based paint.



On average, **10 individuals die annually from carbon monoxide exposure in Maryland** (2011-2015).



Approximately **9% of adults and 10% of children have current asthma** in Maryland (2014).



In 2014, there were **over 45,500 asthma-related emergency department visits and over 7,000 hospitalizations** in Maryland; charges totaled **\$95.8 and \$61.1 million**, respectively.



In 2010, unintentional falls among Marylanders above 65 were responsible for **over 28,000 emergency department visits and over 16,000 hospitalizations**, costing **\$19 and \$229 million**, respectively.



**8 counties** in Maryland have predicted average **indoor radon levels above the EPA action level.**